

REMARKS

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2006 for the application captioned above. By this amendment, claims 1, 6, 12, 14, 17, 18, 19, 22, 27, 29, 30, 31, 36, 38, 42, 44, 49, 51, 57, 58, 59, 62, 63, 64, 65, 69, 70, 71, 73, 74 and 75 are amended, and claims 3-5, 20, 43, 45, 46 and 61 are canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicant respectfully requests entry and examination of new claims 76-97. No new matter has been added as a result of this amendment. The following remarks are respectfully submitted

Election/Restriction

Claims 15-16, 52-56 and 63-75 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected Species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

In the response to the restriction requirement, filed on 12/20/05, Applicant elected, with traversal, Group I corresponding to Figures 23-26, but, in indicating those claims that read upon Group I, overlooked claims 63-75, which had been added in a preliminary amendment, filed on 6/14/05. Applicant asserts that claims 63-75, both as originally filed and as amended herein, read upon Group I, and respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the withdrawal of claims 63-75 and re-enter these claims for examination. Applicant is grateful to the Examiner for indicating, in a telephone conversation on April 10, 2006, that he will review claims 63-75 and consider this request.

§102 Rejection

Claims 1-6, 10, 12, 17-20, 22, 25, 27, 42, 44, 47, 57-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USP 5,681,100 to Powell. Applicant has canceled claims 3-5 and 20, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 1, 6, 10, 12, 17-19, 22, 25, 27, 42, 44,

47, and 57-59 asserting that Powell does not teach or suggest every element and limitation of these claims.

Independent claim 1 defines a jewelry storage system including, *inter alia*, an opening in a sidewall of a cabinet and a peg adapted to be placed in the opening such that the peg extends from the sidewall to rest against an outer surface of a stand, which is configured to hold the cabinet. Independent claim 17 defines a jewelry storage system including, *inter alia*, a stand configured to receive a jewelry cabinet, which includes a frame, and a peg extending from an inside surface of the stand to contact an outside surface of the frame. Although Powell shows a storage compartment 12 pivotally attached between two uprights or posts 18 and a tilt adjustment mechanism 56 including a bar 80, which fits within slot extensions 66, the bar 80 cannot be likened to the peg defined by either claim 1 or claim 17, since the bar 80 extends between the two uprights or posts 18 and passes through a pair of swing arms 58, which are attached to a rear wall 28 of a storage compartment 12.

In light of the argument presented above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 1 and claims 2, 6, 10 and 12, dependent thereon, and of claim 17, and claims 18, 19, 22, 25 and 27, dependent thereon.

Independent claims 42 and 57 each define a jewelry storage system including, *inter alia*, an interior surface of a jewelry cabinet to which a bracelet bar is permanently attached via a mounting element. Claims 42 and 57 further define the bracelet bar including a first pole having a first free end and extending from a first side of the mounting element to the first free end, and a second pole having a second free end and extending from a second side of the mounting element to the second free end, the first and second poles extending approximately parallel to the interior surface and in close proximity thereto. Although Powell shows, in Figure 6, a bar 46 located within storage compartment 12, it is evident from Figure 6 that the bar 46 does not include all the limitations of the bracelet bar as defined in claims 42 and 57 of the present invention.

In light of the argument presented above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 42 and claims 44 and 47, dependent thereon, and of claim 57 and claims 58 and 59, dependent thereon.

§103 Rejection

Claims 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 21, 23, 26, 28-32, 34-41, 45, 48-51 and 60-62 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell in view of USP 4,776,650 to Ferenzi and USP 5,511,873 to Mech. Applicant has canceled claims 45 and 61, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, rendering the rejection of these claims moot. Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 21, 23, 26, 28, 29, 48-51, 60 and 62 based on the arguments presented above for the independent claims on which these claims depend. Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 30-32 and 34-41, asserting that none of Powell, Ferenzi and Mech, alone or in combination, teach or suggest every element and limitation of these claims.

Independent claim 30 defines a jewelry storage system including, *inter alia*, a door connected to a jewelry cabinet frame, at least one vertically extending attachment strip disposed along an interior surface of one of the door and a back wall of the frame, and a plurality of jewelry storage elements, wherein at least one of the plurality of storage elements includes a mounting element having a rear side containing at least one attachment device for removable attachment anywhere along a length of the attachment strip. Powell does not disclose any elements being removably attached within storage compartment 12, and, although Ferenzi and Mech show a plurality of jewelry storage elements capable of being relocated within cabinets, neither Ferenzi nor Mech teach or suggest the structure for removable attachment of jewelry storage elements as defined by claim 30 of the present invention.

In light of the argument presented above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 30 and claims 32 and 34-41 dependent thereon.

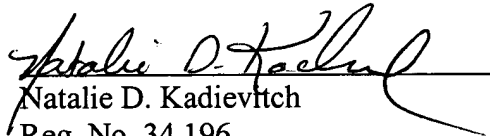
Claims 9, 24, 33 and 46 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell, as modified, as applied to claims 1, 17, 30 and 42 above, and further in view of USP 4,282,975 to Ovadia. Applicant has canceled claim 46, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, rendering the rejection of claim 46 moot. Applicant traverses the rejection of claims 9, 24 and 33 based on the arguments above for independent claims 1, 17 and 30, on which claims 9, 24 and 33 respectively depend, and respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 9, 24 and 33.

Claim 43 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Powell in view of WO 99/00005 to Greiner. Applicant has canceled claim 43, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, rendering the rejection of claim 43 moot.

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned in the event there are any questions concerning the election or if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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